Blockages on NH-39

1274. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the frequent blockages on the NH-39 which runs between Dimapur in Nagaland and Moreh on the Indo-Myanmar border that disturbs the lives of people around it and results in acute scarcity of essential commodities; and

(b) if so, the action Government contemplates in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Manipur have started opening security posts on the road and convoys under security are operating thrice a week. State Government have also been advised to intensify patrolling.

Monitoring of Implementation of Plans Announced by PM for North-East States

1275. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a committee to regularly monitor the progress in implementation of plans and programmes recently announced by the Prime Minister for development of North-East States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The progress of implementation of the initiatives announced by the Prime Minister for the North-East States are monitored regularly by the N.E. Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Special Cell set up for this in the Prime Minister's Office.

Proposals for Expanding the Chennai Port

1276. SHRI R. MARGABANDU:
SHRI O.S. MANIAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposals for expanding the Chennai Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether new tenders were invited in connection with the expansion programme; and

(d) if so, the fate of those tenders?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The following proposals have been drawn up for expansion of Chennai Port:—

(i) Construction of a new outer harbour.

(ii) Further extension of the container terminal.

(iii) Integrated scheme of extension of South Quay III and Modernisation of East Quay berth.

(iv) Modernisation of West Quay and North Quay berths.

(v) Upgradation of South Quay I and II berths.

(vi) Upgradation of Jawahar Dock berths.

(vii) Deepening of Dr. Ambedkar Basin and Entrance.

Tenders would be invited on the completion of formalities.

Passenger Oriented Wayside Amenities

1277. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up passenger-oriented wayside amenities like toilet, drinking water, snack bar, telephone, first aid etc. along the National Highways;